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SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...we need to draft the language to reflect the needs of a particular situation. And I don't expect to accomplish every single issue with that particular proposal. But I definitely think it needs revisited. And I look forward to doing that, and supporting Senator McDonald in that effort, or whatever the case may be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Mr. Speaker, I'll make it clear that I'm not going to take this motion to a vote. But I want to keep reemphasizing, think about LR 29CA (sic--LR 209CA), where you're allocating lottery money within the constitution. You should not do that. Here you are, with this bill, creating a program. Without the Raikes amendment, this program would not exist. You are creating a program. And a majority of you all voted for it. And I will vote for this bill. So at that point, if I hadn't voted for his amendment--I don't know that I did or not--I will definitely be voting for this bill. But I am not at the same time going to put into the constitution a provision that can cripple the operation of this program. What kind of sense does that make? None. That's why I said LR 29CA (sic--LR 209CA) constitutes irrationality. There's old Senator Byars sitting over there. And I'm not even going to say what his vote had been. But Senator Byars knows what I'm talking about. He has been working in the realm of mental health care for so long that he has probably seen every promise which could be made and then violated, made, and the violations, the promises put off into the future. It doesn't have to be done right now. And he has seen money spent for things of far less consequence than what he was interested in. I can think of things of far greater consequence than the State Fair for the expenditure of money, and certainly for the amending of the constitution. I do not consider it just a superstatute. It is the organic law of this state. We have talked about not leaving those who are going to come behind us after we've been bumped off by term limits, we